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AMENDMENTS TO THE SPECIFICATION

Please replace the paragraph on page 5, lines 1-20 (or paragraph [0016] of U.S. Patent Appln. Publn. No. 2004/0254286 A1) with the following:

A slurry of the microfibers can be made from a variety of starting materials such as, for example, pulp, short fiber, fibrils or mixtures derived therefrom. The starting materials are generally in fiber form and may also be referred to herein as "fibers". The starting materials are processed into microfibers. Processing can be accomplished by contacting the starting material with a liquid medium and agitating the starting material and liquid medium to reduce the size of and modify the starting material. The processing of the fibers to form the microfibers preferably results in the microfibers being substantially uniformly dispersed in the liquid medium. Optionally, the liquid medium can contain one or more solid components. The presence of such solid components may aid in the processing. Processes for preparing a slurry of microfibers suitable for use in making the polyesters are described in concurrently-filed and co-owned patent application entitled "Polymer Precursor Dispersion Containing a Micropulp and Method of Making the Dispersion", Appln. No. 10/428,294 (issued as U.S. Patent No. 7,015,274), the disclosures of which are hereby incorporated herein by reference. Generally, a process for preparing a slurry of microfibers includes agitation of fibers, such as commercially available fibers in a dispersion.

Please replace the paragraph on page 8, lines 10-16 (or paragraph [0024] of U.S. Patent Appln. Publn. No. 2004/0254286 A1) with the following:

Preferred liquid media for the slurry include aqueous and non-aqueous solvents; monomers; and polymer precursors. Polymer precursors suitable as liquid media for the slurry are disclosed in concurrently-filed and co-owned patent application entitled "Polymer Precursor Dispersion Containing a Micropulp and Method of Making the Dispersion", Appln. No. 10/428,294 (issued as U.S. Patent No. 7,015,274), already incorporated herein by reference.